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for Peroxisome Proliferator Activated
Receptor Gamma**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of the present response.